

data stream in accordance with the fetched schedule [identified by the monitoring operation;
wherein the data stream includes both the desired data and other data].

17. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 16, wherein the [capturing is performed
by storing the] one or more desired data [identified by the monitoring operation] objects are
stored in temporary storage [within] at the user station.

18. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 17, further comprising fetching the one
or more desired data objects from the temporary storage.

19. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 18, further comprising preparing the
fetched one or more desired data objects for use at the user station.

20. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 16, wherein the one or more desired
data objects are supplied by a first one of a plurality of independently operated data sources and
wherein the method further [comprising] comprises selecting the first one of the plurality of
independently operated data [source] sources from a listing of [available] each of the plurality of
independently operated data sources.

21. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 20, wherein an application
programming interface enables a [higher-level] software [entity] application to [perform the
operation of selecting] select the first one of the plurality of independently operated data [source
from the listing of available data] sources.

22. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 16, wherein the broadcast data stream is
[broadcast] broadcasted by [the selected data source] multicasting.

23. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 16, [wherein] further comprising:

tuning the user station [is equipped with a tuner that is selectively tunable] to [a selected one of a plurality of available] receive the broadcast data [channels] stream; and
the data stream comprises the data stream broadcast by the selected data source via the selected one of the plurality of available broadcast data channels].

24. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 16, wherein the one or more desired data [comprises] objects comprise data objects to which a user at the user station is entitled.

25. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 16, [further comprising tuning the user station to a selected one of a plurality of available broadcast data channels, wherein the data stream that is monitored comprises the data stream broadcast by the selected data source via the selected one of the plurality of available broadcast data channels] wherein the method is performed a plurality of consecutive times, wherein during each time the method is performed, a user at the user station can access desired data objects that have previously been captured and stored during a prior time the method is performed.

26. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 16, [further comprising selecting the data stream that is monitored from a plurality of available data channels] wherein a user at the user station selects the one or more desired data objects to be captured and stored.

27. (Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 16, wherein the [network comprises] broadcast data stream is broadcast over the Internet.

28. (Amended) A user station [that is configured for communications with a multiplicity of independently-operated data sources via a non-proprietary network], comprising:
logic for fetching a schedule from a remote schedule source;
[means] logic for [monitoring] receiving a broadcast data stream, the broadcast data stream including one or more desired data objects supplied by a selected one of the data sources

to identify receipt of desired data; and,

[means] logic for capturing and storing the one or more desired data objects from the received broadcast data stream in accordance with the fetched schedule [identified by the monitoring operation;

wherein the data stream includes both the desired data and other data].

29. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 28, wherein [the means for capturing stores] the one or more desired data [identified by the means for monitoring] objects are stored in temporary storage [within] at the user station.

30. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 29, further comprising [means] logic for fetching the one or more desired data objects from the temporary storage.

31. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 30, further comprising [means] logic for preparing the fetched one or more desired data objects for use at the user station.

32. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 28, wherein the one or more desired data objects are supplied by a first one of a plurality of independently operated data sources and wherein the user station further [comprising means] comprises logic for selecting the first one of the plurality of independently operated data [source] sources from a listing of [available] each of the plurality of independently operated data sources.

33. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 28, wherein the broadcast data stream is [broadcast] broadcasted by [the selected data source] multicasting.

34. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 28, further comprising a tuner that is [selectively] tunable to [a selected one of a plurality of available] receive the broadcast data

[channels] stream], wherein the data stream comprises the data stream broadcast by the selected data source via the selected one of the plurality of available broadcast data channels].

35. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 28, wherein the one or more desired data [comprises] objects comprise data to which a user at the user station is entitled.

36. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 28, [further comprising means for tuning the user station to a selected one of a plurality of available broadcast data channels, wherein the data stream that is monitored comprises the data stream broadcast by the selected data source via the selected one of the plurality of available broadcast data channels] wherein the user station enables a user to access the one or more captured and stored desired data objects while the user station receives, captures, and stores additional desired data objects.

37. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 28, [further comprising means for selecting the data stream that is monitored from a plurality of available data channels] wherein a user at the user station selects the one or more desired data objects to be captured and stored.

38. (Amended) The user station as set forth in Claim 28, wherein the [network comprises] broadcast data stream is broadcast over the Internet.

REMARKS

Filed concurrently with the instant Amendment is a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal.

Claims 16-38 are pending in the present application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and amended claims 16-38. Support for these amendments can be found in the application as